

At page 4, line 7, please insert -- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

At page 6, line 31, please insert -- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

At page 7, line 28, please insert -- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC EMBODIMENTS--.

In The Abstract

At line 4, please delete "means" and substitute --member--therefore.

At line 5, please delete "connecting means" and substitute --connection member--
therefore.

At line 10, please delete "means" and substitute --member--therefore.

In The Drawings

Applicant notes and appreciates the Examiner's approval of the requested drawing changes. Applicant will attend to the approved drawing changes promptly upon receiving a notice of allowance in the above-identified application. Regarding the Examiner's objection under 35 U.S.C. Section 1.83(a), Applicant has cancelled the recitation of the spring from claim 31. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 13, 20, 23, 27, 29, 30, and 31, as follows:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) Anchor with a fluke with a longitudinal axis which
extends from the rear end of the fluke to its front end and with connection means

for connecting the fluke with the lower end of an anchor line, which connecting means comprise an anchor shank, the connecting means comprising at least one coupling with two cooperating coupling members, the first of which being situated on the fluke side of the coupling and being directly or indirectly connected to the fluke in order to follow its movement and the second being situated on the anchor line side of the coupling and being directly or indirectly connected to the anchor line, the anchor furthermore comprising operation means for the coupling which means are activated by swinging the anchor line held taut in order to enlarge its angle with respect to the longitudinal axis of the fluke and then to mutually displace the first and second coupling member from a coupling position to a decoupling position in which the second coupling member is released or emerges from coupling engagement with the first coupling member, the second coupling member comprising a rigid coupling hook which can be released by means of said manipulation of the anchor line, the first coupling member comprising a pin about which the coupling hook rotatably engages, wherein the coupling hook has a pin receiving hook space its opening facing in the direction of swinging of the anchor line during its movement towards the decoupling position, the operation means being adapted for having the hook pivot about an axis, which is parallel to and at a distance from the pin and located at the side of the pin facing away from the [flook] fluke, from the coupling position to a release position.

4. (AMENDED) Anchor according to claim [1, 2, or] 1, the operation means comprising a first stopping face which is stationary with respect to the [pinat] pin at least as long as the coupling hook and the pin are coupled to one another, and comprising a second stopping face on the hook integrated therewith, the first stopping face forming a limitation for the displacement of the second stopping face at pivoting the hook about the pin and therewith forming a fulcrum for the hook.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "4 or 4" and substitute ~~4~~—therefore.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute ~~claim 1~~—therefore.

Claim 13, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute ~~claim 1~~—therefore.

Claim 20, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims 1-12" and substitute ~~claim 1~~—therefore.

Claim 23, line 1, delete "20, 21 or 20" and substitute ~~20~~—therefore.

Claim 27, line 1, delete "25 or 25" and substitute ~~25~~—therefore.

Claim 29, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and substitute ~~claim 1~~—therefore.

Claim 30, line 1, insert ~~claim--~~ before "1".

31. (TWICE AMENDED) Anchor according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, a resistance [such as a spring] being included in the coupling in order to prevent unintended release when an uncontrolled swinging of the anchor line occurs.